

# **FIREFIGHTER OF THE YEAR AWARD**

## **CRITERIA**

### **I. ELIGIBILITY**

All paid, call, or volunteer firefighters may be nominated for recommendation as "Firefighter of the Year". Nominations must be initiated by the head of the local fire department and must be for performance between July 1st, 2004 through June 30, 2005.

### **II. AWARD CRITERIA**

Nominations may be made to recognize individuals for performance in any of the following areas:

- a) Fire emergencies/incidents including rescue of victims and/or extraordinary valor.
- b) Non-fire emergencies/incidents involving hazardous materials, vehicle extrication and rescue, rescue from heights or depth, confined space rescue, water or ice rescue.
- c) Exemplary community service programs and/or actions including fire prevention, fire investigation, training, public fire education, or other innovative community service programs.

### **III. AWARD CATEGORIES**

- a) **MEDAL OF HONOR**  
Awarded to an individual or individuals as the highest recognition.
- b) **MEDAL OF VALOR**  
Awarded to an individual or individuals as the second highest recognition.
- c) **MERITORIOUS AWARD FOR COMMUNITY SERVICE**  
Awarded to an individual or individuals for exemplary community service programs and/or actions.
- d) **COMPANY RECOGNITION**  
Award for a group or unit's performance in accordance with award criteria.
- e) **GOVERNOR'S PERSONALIZED CITATIONS**